Formation of Commission for Classical Languages

831. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question 1706 in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1992 and state by when the autonomous Commission to foster and improve teaching study and research in Sanskrit and other Classical Languages is likely to be set up ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : No definite timeframe has been decided upon for setting up the proposed Commission under reference.

शिक्षा प्रणाली में परिवर्तन

832. डा. बापू कालदाते : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के कुछ शिक्षाविदों ने सरकार को वर्तमान शिक्षा प्रणाली के सम्बन्ध में शिकायतें तथा सुझाव दिए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन शिकायतों तथा सुझावों के बारे में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि वर्तमान शिक्षा प्रणाली के कारण बच्चों पर होने वाले अत्याचारों की कई घटनाएं सरकार के ध्यान में लाई गई हैं और वर्तमान शिक्षा प्रणाली के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित पुस्तकों के बोझ के कारण छात्र कठिनाई का सामना कर रहे हैं;

(ङ) क्या सरकार इन सभी शिकायतों को ध्यान में रखते हुए पाठ्यक्रम दोबारा तैयार करने पर विचार करेगी;

(च) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(छ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग में और संस्कृति विभाग में) उप-मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) से (छ) राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति (रा.शि.नी.), 1986 के संशोधित नीति निर्धारणों को अंतिम रूप देते समय सरकार द्वारा शिक्षा प्रणाली में सुधार से सम्बन्धित समय-समय पर प्राप्त सुझावों पर विचार किया गया है। ये संशोधन तथा कार्रवाई योजना (पी.ओ.ए.), 1992 जिन्हें संसद के दोनों सदनों के पटल पर रख दिया गया है, को व्यापक स्तर पर जनमत संग्रह तथा केन्द्रीय शिक्षा सलाहकार बोर्ड की बैठक, जिसमें राज्यों के शिक्षा मंत्री तथा प्रख्यात शिक्षाविद् शामिल थे, में हुई चर्चाओं के आधार पर तैयार किया गया है। प्रारंभिक शिक्षा में शिशु-केन्द्रित दृष्टिकोण अपनाने से संबंधित रा.शि.नी. की सिफारिशों को व्यावहारिक रूप प्रदान करने के लिए नए प्रयास करने हेतु मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय ने छात्रों के शैक्षिक भार को कम करने के लिए उपाय सुझाने हेतु मार्च, 1992 में एक राष्ट्रीय सलाहकार समिति का गठन किया है। इस संबंध में अपनाई जाने वाली विशिष्ट रणनीति इस समिति की सिफारिशों पर निर्भर करेगी।

Renovation of Puri Temple

833. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Canadian experts propose to conduct a survey of the Puri Temple for its renovation and preservation;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government on the measures suggested earlier by the Archaeological Survey of India; and

(c) what are the shortcomings that came in the way for not implementing the measures suggested by the Archaeological Survey of India so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The Canadian experts do not have any proposal to

conduct a Survey of the Puri Temple for its renovation. They have only a suggestion for the use of some modern techniques for the deplastering of the " temple.

(b) On the recommendations of the Expert Committee, the steps taken for the proper conservation of the Jagannath Temple Puri are as follows :

(i) Removal of accretionary plaster from the surface of the main temple.

(ii) Replacement of the cracked/damaged atone members with new ones and consolidation of the structure.

(iii) Replacement of corroded iron damps/dowels with non-cccrossive ones.

(iv) Grouting of cracks/fissures on the structure.

(v) Chemical treatment and preservation of the exposed surface.

(c) Does not arise.

Female infanticide in Tamil Nadu

834. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread practice of female infanticide in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the measures Government have taken or propose to take to curb this malpractice ?

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Government is aware of the practice of female infanticide among a few communities in certain pockets of Salem District of Tamil Nadu.

(b) The following measures have been taken by the State Government to curb this practice :—

(i) As an immediate step, a reception centre to receive abandoned female children has been set up at Usilamplatti, Madurai on 1-8-90. The babies are looked after and are subsequently given in adoption.

(ii) A counselling Centre at Usilamp-latti, Madurai is being assisted by Govt, of Tamil Nadu to educate the women regarding the evils of female infanticide. This Centre works in dose cooperation with schools and girl students and is exposed to the latest development in the field of training and employment through talks, seminars, and films. The women are also motivated to organise themselves and undertake income generating activities.

(iii) Recently in Salem Distt. Govt, of Tamil Nadu have launched a Scheme wherein Rs. 2000/- will be deposited in a public account in the name of the first or second girl child as the case may be whose parents have undergone sterilisation.

(iv) Cradles have been put up in select places for leaving unwanted babies who will be taken care of by the State Govt.

(v) While the Govt, is taking steps to bring about awareness among the people and also improve the status of the women. action under the relevant laws is also being taken to curb the menace of female infanticide.

The Central Government is closely monitoring the situation. It has received a request for assistance from a voluntary organisation which has been forwarded to the Central Social Welfare Board.

Charging of Capitation Fee by Government Recognised/Aided Schools

835. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some Government recognised/ aided schools situated in Union Territory of Delhi still charge capitation fee for admissions; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) Delhi Administration have reported that they are not aware of collection of capitation fee for admission by